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1. SUMMARY. THIRD SUBCOMMITTEE OR ITS NIN-MEMBER WORKING GROUP MET SIX TIMES DURING PHASE III, LIMA. MAIN RESULT WAS A RECOMMENDATION BASED ON DOCUMENTS PRESENTED BY ECUADOR AND U.S. AND VIEWPOINTS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, WHICH "RECOMMENDS TO GOVERNMENTS THAT PENDING FINAL DECISION BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THIS MATTER, THEY TAKE SUCH ACTION AS THEY MAY DEEM ADVISABLE IN ORDER TO SUGGEST TO THE PERMANENT COUNCIL THAT IT STUDY MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CIES AND CIECC WITHOUT RESORTING TO AMENDMENT OF THE CHARTER AND PRESENT THEM TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY." END SUMMARY.

2. THE THRID SUBCOMMITTEE (STRUCTURAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS) OR ITS NINE-MEMBER WORKING GROUP (ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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ECUADOR, GUATEMALA, MEXICO, PERU, U.S. AND URUGUAY) MET ON NOVEMBER 23, 24, 26, 27, 28 AND 30 TO STUDY "URGENT AND IMPORTNAT PENDING TOPICS IN ITS AGENDA." PRINCIPAL FOCUS WAS ON AN ECUADORAN PROPOSAL (REFTEL 8591) FOR THE PROVISIONAL RESTRUC-

TURING AND STRENGTHENING OF THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF CIES AND CIECC (DOC. 57/73) BASED ON FOLLOWING ECUADORAN
CONCLUSIONS:

A) PRESENT STRUCTURE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES IS INADEQUATE FOR THE
STUDY AND SOLUTION OF URGENT PROBLEMS RELATED TO INTEGRAL
DEVELOPMENT.

B) STRUCTURAL CHANGES OF PROVISIONAL CHARACTER COULD BE MADE
WHICH WOULD NOT ENTAIL OAS CHARTER CHANGES AND NOT INTERFERE
WITH ON-GOING WORK OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

C) CHANGES COULD BE MADE WHICH WOULD RESULT IN MORE EFFECTIVE
ACTION, SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS, SMALLER NUMBER OF MEETINGS,
INCREASED GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN
TWO TECHNICAL COUNCILS (CIES AND CIECC).

3. PERU CALLED ATTENTION TO ITS DOCUMENT 25/73 OF
OCTOBER 3, PROVIDING FOR A SINGLE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO REPLACE
TO TECHNICAL COUNCILS, DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN TURN TO BE
SEPARATED ALONG WITH ITS SECRETARIAT FROM THE REMAINING POLICAL
JURIDICAL COUNCIL AND ITS SECRETARIAT, THE RESULTING TWO COUNCILS
TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY SEPARATED AS WELL.

4. U.S. SUBMITTED DOCUMENT 58/73 CONTAINING GENERAL OBSERVATIONS
ON CIES AND CIECC, NOTED THAT DISCUSSIONS OF THESE TECHNICAL
COUNCILS WAS DIFFICULT IN ISOLATION WITHOUT REFERENCE TO GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND PRERMANENT COUNCIL, LATTER OF WHICH HAS COORDINA-
TING ROLE IN ITS FUNCTION AS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR ASSEMBLY.
U.S. REFERRED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTUION 131 OF APRIL 1973
WHICH REFLECTED THE EVIDENT DESIRE OF MEMBER STATES TO PARTICIPATE
MORE
FULLY ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES THROUGH SYSTEM OF ROTATION, CITED
NEED TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE STRUCTURAL CHANGES WHICH WOULD NOT
INVOLVE CHARTER MODIFICATION AND LENGTHY PROCESS OF RATIFICATION,
NEED FOR GREATER SIMPLIFICATION OF STRUCTURE, REDUCTION OF
TENDENCY OF ORGANIZATION TO FUNCTION AS THREE SEPARATE INSTITU-
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TIONS, FOR FEWER MEETINGS, UNIFIED SECRETARIAT, MANAGEMENT CENTRAL-
ZATION, LOWER COSTS, MAXIMIZING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS, AND
IMPORTANCE OF INFORMAL, PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS, REDUCTION OF DEBATE
AND TRADITIONAL WAYS OF DOING BUSINESS IF SYSTEM TO BE TRULY
MODERNIZED AND AVOID COSTLY LUXURY OF GRANDSTANDING. PERU TOOK EXCEPT
ION

TO U.S. OBSERVATION IN 58/73 THAT ADMINISTRATIVE MAATERS ON
ASSEMBLY AGENDA, INCLUDING POSSIBLY BIANNUAL BUDGET, SHOULD
PROBABLY BE DEALTH WITH BY OTHER COMPETENT ORGANS, MOST LIKELY
A STRENGTHENED PERMANENT COUNCIL. PERU CLAIMED THIS WOULD
WEAKEN RATHER THAN STRENGTHEN THE PERMANENT COUNCIL.

5. PANAMA (PITTY) AND VENEZUELA (GARCIA BUSTILLOS) PUSHED FOR GIVING CHAIRMEN OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES SO-CALLED "ADMINISTRATIVE AUTONOMY" WHICH THEY REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. PANAMA CLAIMED PRESIDENT OF CIECC (CONTRERAS PULIDO OF VENEZUELA) WAS CONTEMPLATING RESIGNATION BECAUSE OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES WITH GENERAL SECRETARIAT. PITTY DENIED HIS ATTACKS ON GENERAL SECRETARIAT WERE DIRECTED AT GALO PLAZA AS PERSON, CLAIMING HIS COMMENTS WERE AIMED AT WAY SECRETARIAT FUNCTIONED UNDER PLAZA'S SUPERVISION. U.S. OPPOSED CONCEPT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AUTONOMY WHICH WOULD RESULT IN INCREASED TENDENCY OF ORGANIZATION TO OPERATE AS THREE SEPARATE INSTITUTIONS. U.S. POINT OF VIEW WAS SUPPORTED BY ARGENTINA, MEXICO AND SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS. PANAMA ATTEMPTED PORTRAY U.S. POSITION AS EXERCISE OF VETO. U.S. COUNTERED THERE IS NO VETO IN OAS AND U.S. WOULD CONTINUE EXPRESS ITS VIEWS AS ACTIVE PARTICIPATING MEMBER. ARGENTINA WENT OUT OF ITS WAY TO SUPPORT U.S. OPPOSITION TO CONCEPT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AUTONOMY AND DENIED PANAMA VETO CHARGE DIRECTED AT U.S.

6. AS RESULT OF DEBATES, AT LEAST ELEVEN DELEGATIONS (URUGUAY, COLOMBIA, HONDURAS, MEXICO, BRAZIL, U.S., CHILE, BOLIVIA, ECUADOR, ARGENTINA AND PERU) WERE IN AGREEMENT ON A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD RECOMMEND TO GOVERNMENTS A STUDY BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN APRIL TO STRENGTHEN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF CIES AND CIECC WITHOUT CHARTER CHANGES, INCLUDING STUDY OF:

A) COMPOSITION OF EACH ONE OF PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF CIES AND CIECC, BEARING IN MIND DESIRE OF ALL MEMBERS STATES TO PARTICIPATE THEREIN.

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B) CHAIRMANSHIP OF EACH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (IN UNDERSTANDING THAT PERSONS ELECTED TO THIS POST THROUGH THE PROCEDURE IN FORCE WILL COMPLETE THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE, FOLLOWING WHICH THE ROTATION SYSTEM WOULD BE FOLLOWED).

C) FUNCTIONING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES ON A PERMANENT BASIS, WITH POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING AS MANY MEETINGS AS ARE NECESSARY, INCLUDING JOINT MEETINGS WHENEVER COMMITTEES DEEM THEM ADVISABLE.

D) PROVISIONS DESIGNED TO ENSURE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY AND COMPETENCE REQUIRED FOR THE EFFICIENT DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES UNDER THE CHARTER.

7. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES SHOULD BE MEMBERS OF THE RESPECTIVE MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO THE OAS WITH UNDERSTANDING THIS TO BE IN THE EXCLUSIVE COMPETENCE OF EACH STATE IN DECIDING ON THE COMPOSITION OF ITS MISSIONS. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE PERMANENT SEAT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES SHOULD BE WASHINGTON.

8. LED BY PANAMA (PITTY AND VENEZUELA (GARCIA BUSTILLOS)

THE PROCEDURAL METHOD BY WHICH AGREEMENT ON ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS OBTAINED WAS ATTACKED, PRINCIPALLY ON GROUNDS OF LACK OF QUORUM IN VARIOUS SESSIONS OF COMMITTEE III, FACT THAT DELEGATIONS CAME TO LIMA ASSURED OF MEETINGS ONLY OF GENERAL COMMITTEE AND FIRST COMMITTEE. COMPROMISE RESOLUTION RESULTED, SUPPORTED BY U.S. AS FOLLOWS:

"TO RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNMENTS, THAT, PENDING FINAL DECISION BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THIS MATTER, THEY TAKE SUCH ACTION AS THEY MAY DEEM ADVISABLE IN ORDER TO SUGGEST TO THE PERMANENT COUNCIL THAT IT STUDY EASURES TO STRENGTHEN THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CIES AND CIECC WITHOUT RESORTING TO AMENDMENT OF THE CHARTER AND PRESENT THEM TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY."

9. FINAL RECOMMENDATION CONT

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